

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 12, 14-16, and 26 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Applicant points out that the Advisory Action mailed December 27, 2006 did not indicate whether the previous Amendment filed December 8, 2006 was entered regarding the cancellation of claims 18-22 and accordingly contacted the Examiner regarding status of the claims. In response, the Examiner mailed an Interview Summary January 12, 2007 indicating:

the status of claims is as follows: Claims 1, 3-8, 23-25 & 29 are allowed.
Claims 12, 14-16 & 26-28 are rejected. The arguments are entered.

(See, Interview summary).

Accordingly, Applicant submits claims 1, 3-8 and 23-25 and 27-29 are pending, under consideration, and allowed. (Action at page 4).

Applicant requests entry of this Rule 116 Response because all rejected claims have been CANCELLED, thereby putting this application into condition for allowance.

In accordance with the foregoing all rejected claims are cancelled and it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited and possibly concluded by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss any such remaining issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,
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